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### Liebenwalde Airfield and Training Area

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1. The former emergency airfield to the south of the village of Kreuzbruch (Z-88) was being used as a tank maneuver ground in mid-August 1947. There are no longer any airfield installations there and the grass areas have been rendered valueless for aircraft take-off purposes by the tank track ruts. The original landing strip has been lengthened towards the east, and is now dotted with various forms of anti-tank obstacles.

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2. To the west of the Liebenwalde-Zehlendorf road (Z-87) wooden barracks have been erected to accommodate some 10,000 troops. In the woods behind these barracks large-scale tank exercises are carried out by units which come to the area for training. Instruction by a resident cadre about 1,000 strong is given in the driving of tanks, trucks, staff cars, and motor cycles. To this end there are about 180 trucks and small numbers of various types of tanks attached to the training unit.

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3. A complete tank regiment arrived in the area in March 1947 and underwent training there until June or July 1947.

4. On 20 August 1947 a convoy of trucks arrived at the camp. There were no units under training at the time and the trucks appeared to be the advance guard of a new unit about to arrive.

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## Dresden Area

5. The former SS Barracks in Dresden were occupied on 25 July 1947 by 1,200 infantry men, tankers, and signal corps troops, aged between eighteen and twenty-eight. These men are undergoing training from 0700 to 2200 hours every day. They are undisciplined and dirty.

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Three-axled American trucks [redacted] are attached to the barracks [redacted]

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6. Tank exercises are being carried out on the training ground at Königsbrück (A-31).

- a. On 20 July 1947 Neueslager and Krakau were occupied by approximately fifteen tank regiments with 7,000 men and 521 T-34 tanks mounting 76.2 mm guns. They were still there on 4 August 1947.
- b. Between 20 July and 4 August 1947 493 tanks and 6,872 troops and officers detained at Königsbrück.
- c. On 31 July 1947 521 tanks passed through Otterschütz.
- d. Maneuvers are usually carried out in a south to north direction, starting on the Zietscher Rücken and proceeding north to Zeisholz.

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7. In the woods approximately 3.5 km N of Neustrelitz (U-54) and on the E side of the road to Waren (U-35) there were sixty to seventy T-34 tanks during late August 1947. Tank exercises took place daily on the training ground near the west side of the main Neustrelitz-Waren road. This training ground lay directly opposite the woods referred to above. The road was closed to civilian traffic.

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8. The troops in the maneuver area were well-clothed and the tanks were fully-manned. The gun barrels of all the tanks seemed to be new. During the exercises, firing with live ammunition took place. The targets were wooden houses, of which about eight to ten have been erected on the training ground. There were also other wooden targets. A high watch tower was erected in the middle of the training ground, and was manned by observers.

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9. Also in the woods mentioned in paragraph 7 is an ammunition dump containing 3,000-5,000 tank shells. The length of the shells is judged to be 70-80 cm and the caliber 10.5 c. The shells are lying in small concrete bunkers, of which nine were seen. These bunkers look like potato clams and are about ten to twelve meters long, with strong steel doors. They stand about 1.50 m above the ground, but their depth could not be ascertained. The area of the ammunition dump is surrounded by a wire fence. Each bunker is guarded by a sentry with a submachine gun; the gate is also guarded by a sentry.

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10. On the south side of the woods mentioned in paragraph 7 are barracks. The following sign was seen on a standard flying over the barracks:

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Döberitz

11. T.44 tanks are now attached to the armoured unit stationed in the barracks on the Döberitzer-Peerstrasse, Döberitz (Z-65). On August 1947 twenty type T-34 tanks were unloaded from the railway siding adjacent to the barracks. In place of the customary 85 mm cannon, these vehicles mounted a 125 mm weapon without a muzzle brake.

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12. In Glauchau, (K-35) on the grounds of the barracks there, large concrete surfaces were being laid in late August 1947. Some of these have been completed and tank driving instruction is being given to young tank troops there. Tank exercises were also carried out on the Gelände am Forsthaus near Glauchau in the direction of the road to Lichtenstein (K-45).

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13. In Königsbrück (A-31), there were large concentrations of tanks in late August 1947. The war college at Weimar is reported to have moved to Königsbrück.

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14. For the past two weeks heavy artillery units have been stationed in Königsbrück, while wooden barracks have been erected in the nearby woods. The stone houses on the edge of the wood at the training ground have been painted with red crosses.

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